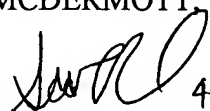


### REMARKS

The above amendments have been made in order to include the prior application as well as incorporate the amendments made to parent application Serial No. 09/988,593. Please replace Figures 33-36 with the attached amended Figures which include the Prior Art. Entry of this preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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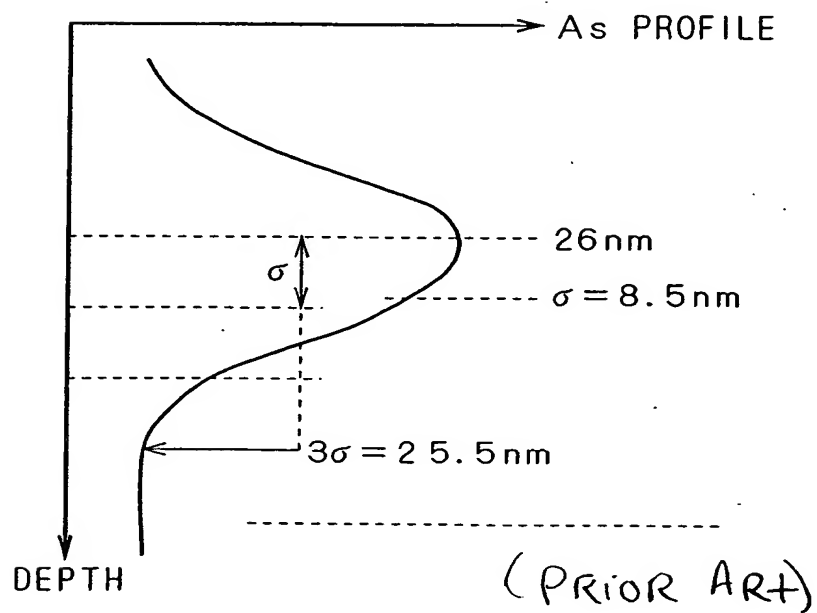


FIG. 35

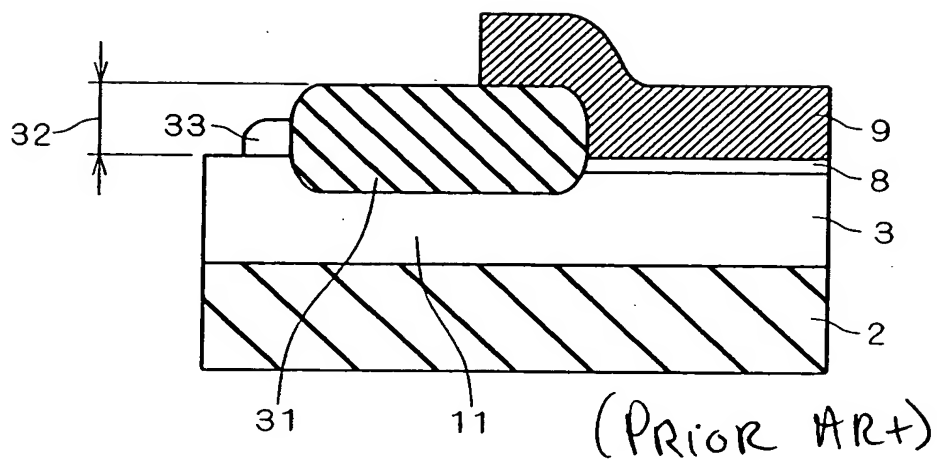


FIG. 36

